

**TODAY and
TOMORROW**

**We'll Sink Or Swim
With Nippon**

ON the Sacred Day of October 21, 2603, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, in an inspiring address on the occasion of the formation of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind, had declared in ringing tones: "I want to assure the Government and people of Nippon that however long and hard the struggle may be, we Indians are determined to fight shoulder to shoulder with them till our common enemy is overthrown. We are absolutely convinced of the ultimate victory of Nippon and her allies, just as we are of our own national liberation."

Ever since then, Netaji himself and the various Ministers of our Provisional Government as well as other leading members of our community all over East Asia, have repeatedly pledged Indians' unshakable solidarity with Nippon and reiterated their inflexible determination and firm resolve to stand by Nippon at all costs in this life and death struggle of the one billion peoples of Greater East Asia, and to fight out this war shoulder to shoulder with them until the Anglo-American imperialistic powers are utterly defeated and our final victory is fully achieved. The latest of such assurances on behalf of the Indian people was voiced a couple of days ago by His Excellency Major General Anil Chandra Chatterji, the newly-appointed Foreign Minister of our Provisional Government.

Issued on the occasion of his assumption of office, and address to the Foreign Minister of the Imperial Nippon Government, the message dispatched by Sjt. Chatterji is brief, curt and concise, outspoken and inspiring. Expressing the firm resolve on behalf of our Government and our people to fight the current war for complete independence and victory hand-in-hand with Nippon, Sjt. Chatterji pays an unqualified tribute to the invincible spirit of the Nippon people and the Imperial Nippon forces whose determination and fighting spirit has deeply impressed the peoples of East Asia.

Incidentally, this latest assurance of the Indian people's determination to stand by Nippon until the very end, has come at a most opportune moment. Ever since the treachery of the French Government of Indo-China who proved themselves utterly unworthy of the confidence placed in them by Nippon, the various allies of Nippon in East Asia categorically declared their unflinching loyalty to her and their determination to stand united against our common enemies, the Anglo-Americans. Coming in the wake of such declarations, Sjt. Chatterji's assurance on behalf of the Indian people, is very timely indeed. To-day, therefore, it is as clear as anything that the entire one billion peoples of Greater East Asia, without any exception, are firmly resolved to sink or swim with Nippon in this titanic but righteous struggle against tyranny and oppression. In the circumstances, it is needless to say that final victory will be ours, and ours alone. The unparalleled unity of Greater East Asia is the sure guarantee of our ultimate victory.

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Until We Wipe Out British Influence From India We Shall Not Cease Fighting, Declares Lt. Col. Nakajima

25,800 Enemy Troops Lost In Iwojima Battle

Admiral Nimitz Admits Staggering Losses To American Forces

Tokyo, March 16 (Domei)—Dai Honyei announced at 5 p.m. today as follows:

"Firstly, our units on Iwojima are now holding positions in Kita Village and the Higashiyama sectors and are fighting heroically against fierce enemy attacks. Our units in the Mount Tamana area on the night of March 8 launched daring infiltration assaults against enemy forces and have been inflicting heavy losses on the enemy. However, the majority of members of this unit by Mar. 13 are believed to have met heroic death in action.

"Secondly, losses inflicted by our units upon enemy forces since the enemy's landing on the island, up to date, which have been ascertained are known to be about 25,800 troops."

Lisbon, Mar. 16 (Domei)—Confirming that the American Marines on Iwojima have incurred staggering losses, Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz's Headquarters announced tonight that 19,928 American troops have been killed, wounded or missing in the past 26 days of fighting to secure possession of the approximately 40-kilometre square, highly-fortified volcanic island, according to a Guam dispatch.

Of the casualty figure, 4,189 were reported killed, 15,308 wounded and 441 missing. Nippon Imperial Headquarters' latest announcement places the American losses on Iwojima at 25,800.

Koiso To Participate In General Conduct Of War

Tokyo, March 16 (Domei)—A Board of Information communiqué released at 4 p.m. today states that "In view of the current war situation it has been decided that as a special extraordinary arrangement, with Imperial approval, the Prime Minister of the Cabinet will henceforth be at Imperial Headquarters to be fully acquainted with details of military operations, and also that he will participate in deliberations on the general conduct of the war together with the Army and Navy Chiefs of Staff of Imperial Headquarters and the Ministers of War and Navy."

ENEMY'S SMALL GAINS ON BURMA FRONT OUGHT NOT CAUSE ANY UNDUE WORRY

Enemy Forces Will Be Crushed When They Are Lured Nearer To Homeland

"I declare that, until we wipe out the British influence in India, we shall not cease the fight," declared Lt.-Col. Shozo Nakajima, the Chief Spokesman of the Imperial Nippon Forces in the Southern Regions, at the weekly Press conference here yesterday reviewing the war situation in Burma and the Pacific.

At the outset of his address, the Chief Spokesman referred to the disarming of the French forces in Indo-China and said that it was not necessary to explain the reasons except to point out, as De Gaulle himself had stated, the intention was to strengthen the Imperial Army and be prepared for the day when the anti-Axis forces might land there in order to strike at the Imperial forces from both ends.

"From now onwards the name of French Indo-China has been wiped out from the map and there has been a new Indo-China as a new member of the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. The fact that the people of Indo-China are in no way favourably disposed to the French forces was borne out by the fact that, within less than a week, Annam and Cambodia proclaimed independence and

with the settlement of the Indo-China problems I believe the problem of white races in East Asia is once for all settled," went on the Chief Spokesman, adding that it was so unnatural that one billion people of East Asia should have been ruled by a handful of 300,000 Europeans.

Continuing, Lt.-Col. Nakajima said that the Anglo-Americans, who have been sucking the blood of the Asiatics, have once again come back to the Philippines and Burma just to get back what is necessary for them. The destruction and havoc the enemy forces had done in Manila was simply colossal and, according to a Filipino reporter who was able to get out of the hell in Manila, the destruction caused by the American forces in the city was ten times more when compared with the destruction caused by the Imperial Nippon forces. The Filipinos were brutally treated and were not allowed to live in Manila, according to the version of this Filipino reporter.

"I like to emphasise, however, that the battle on the Luzon Island, as General MacArthur himself had confessed, was not progressing as they wanted to and consequently the enemy

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No Compromise Is Possible On Indian Problem

Congress Adamant In Bitter Opposition To Br., Says Leopold Amery

Latest reports received from London clearly reveal the growing panic that has seized the minds of the British authorities both in India and Britain. In the British House of Commons on Tuesday replying to a pointed question by Labour Member Sorensen as to why the British authorities are still keeping the Indian leaders in prison, Leopold S. Amery, the Secretary of State for India, said that the time has not yet arrived for their release.

Replying to another question by a Member of the Conservative Party, Amery said that the British Government in India is of the opinion that no useful purpose will be served by sending out any Parliamentary deputation to India from England. The Congress leaders in India are still adamant in their bitter opposition to the British and there is no hope whatever of bringing about a compromise with the Congress on India's political and other problems, Amery added.

Gallacher of the Communist Party asked Amery whether India is being represented at the forthcoming San Francisco Conference, as an Independent State, or as something else. To this question, Amery refused to give any reply. However, the Secretary of State explained that of the three delegates, all chosen by the British authorities, Sir Ramasami Mudaliar and Sir Feroz Khan Noon will represent what he called British India, and Sir V. T. Krishnamachari will represent the Indian States.

Burmese National Army To Go Into Action Against Foe

Rangoon, Mar. 16 (Domei)—The Burmese National Army will take part in the battle raging in part of the country, it was authoritatively learned here today. Authoritative military quarters disclosed that the decision to enlist the full participation of the Burmese National Army in defence of Burma had been reached as a result of deliberations at this morning's meeting of the Supreme Burmese-Nippon Defence Liaison Conference.

Nippon Storm Troopers Upset Foe Plans In Meiktila War Theatre

A Nippon Base at the Burma Front, Mar. 16 (Domei)—The enemy's scheme to disturb the rear of the Nippon line in the Meiktila sector, to bring about a favourable turn in his operations in the Irrawaddy sector, has been completely frustrated as a powerful unit of our forces at dawn on Mar. 14 penetrated into the city of Meiktila following fierce pincer attacks which were launched on Mar. 8 from the south and north against enemy troops entrenched in the city.

Our units which had been fiercely pounding the enemy force in the north-eastern part of Meiktila, continued relentless attacks on the enemy on Mar. 12 and 13 and pressed him to the north-east, inflicting heavy casualties. Between midnight Mar. 13 and dawn Mar. 14 all our units carried out co-ordin-

ated night attacks, and after bloody hand-to-hand fighting, pressed the enemy further to the north-east. By dawn Mar. 14 part of our powerful unit finally penetrated into the northern section of Meiktila.

Meanwhile, our other units which had been advancing from a southern direction in concert with general night attacks conducted by our units in the northern sector, carried out furious attacks against an enemy force between the city of Meiktila and the airfield and are now pressing the enemy to the north. After suffering heavy losses before these onslaughts by Nippon forces the enemy appears to be frantically attempting to bring up reinforcements by air, scores of enemy transport planes having been observed in the skies over Meiktila.

Concrete Steps Taken For Indochina's Independence

Saigon, March 15 (Domei)—The Nippon Government's statement promising full support for the aspirations of the French Indo-China people for racial independence, in accordance with the principles of the Greater East Asia Joint Declaration, has a significant bearing on the future of the inhabitants of French Indo-China.

Concrete steps toward achievement of F.I.C.'s independence were taken when a new political group, called the National Federation of Annam, composed of representatives of various independence organizations, was formed at Hanoi, which discussed measures to gain Indo-China's freedom as well as collaboration with Nippon. The Executive Committee and Examination Committee, each composed of 12 members, have been selected and have commenced activities.

French Indo-China, thus, is now presented with a great opportunity for gaining its freedom—freedom which will culminate in the steady waves of Annamese racial movements including that led by the Kuangfu Society, pro-Nippon body formed at the time of the Russo-Nippon War.

Indochina Banks Reopened For Business Transactions

Saigon, March 15 (Domei)—The Saigon and Hanoi branches of the Bank of French Indo-China which have been closed as a result of emergency measures taken by the Nippon authorities, opened for business today. For the time being the withdrawal of deposits will be restricted to 200 piastres a day and 2,000 piastres a month. Withdrawals exceeding these sums can be made upon receipt of a special permit from the authorities concerned.

Deposits made after the reopening of the banks can be withdrawn without limit. All denominations of currency at present in circulation will be continued as heretofore. The Bank of Annam also opened for business today while the Franco-Chinese Commercial Bank will be reopened in a few days.

Yenan Journal Bitterly Attacks Chiang Kai-Shek

Peking, Mar. 15 (Domei)—Blasting Chiang Kai-shek's denunciation of the Yenan regime in his speech on Mar. 4, which exposed the inside story of the Chungking-Yenan negotiations, the Hsin Hua Jih Pao, official organ of the Yenan regime defiantly charged that the speech indicated stubborn adherence to dictatorship and rejection of democratic principles of government.

In support of this contention the journal cited the following three principal points surrounding the Chungking-Yenan negotiations: firstly, Chungking demanded the transfer of the Yenan Army and territory to Chungking's jurisdiction in return for Chungking's recognition of the Yenan regime. Secondly, while on the one hand seeking re-organization of the Yenan Army by the establishment of a three-men committee of Chungking, the United States and Yenan representatives, Chungking said nothing about re-organizing its own army.

Thirdly, Chungking entirely failed to touch upon the question of how representatives to the People's Assembly will be elected from Chungking-controlled territory.

Complete Reich Victory In Fifth Courland Battle

Berlin, Mar. 15 (Domei)—The focal point of fighting on the Eastern Front at present is limited exclusively to East and West Prussia. In grim defensive fighting German defenders of East Prussia in rear positions withstood onslaughts of numerically superior Soviet forces. Attacks of enemy armies which were launched on a wide front between Isenberg and the fortress zone of Koenigsberg, broke down in the face of the excellent fighting spirit of German infantry, according to the German High Command. Soviet forces which penetrated were checked in front of rear positions or driven back in counterattacks which saw the destruction of 88 Soviet tanks.

Complete German success in the Fifth Courland Battle compelled the enemy to discontinue his break-through attempts in the Frauenburg area, the German communique said. It added that troop movements and concentrations on the Lower Rhine were effectively shelled by Reich artillery.

In the face of strong resistance, counter-attacking German troops regained high ground and localities east of Remagen, sealing off later American attempts at penetration. A major enemy attack has been launched on Moselle on the Saar and in Lower Alsace, and heavy defensive fighting continues between the Osburg and Schwarzwald forests. Heavy fighting is also reported raging for German positions between Forbach and Hagenau.

In Italy German shock paratroops destroyed the enemy stronghold south of Imola, taking numerous Italian prisoners and inflicting heavy losses. German air defence forces brought down 23 four-engined bombers during the course of enemy air attacks against Germany yesterday.

The German communique said during the past few days numerous "Storm Vikings" (special units of the navy) and midget submarines attacked targets in the Scheldt area and are thus far known to have sunk four vessels totalling 12,000 tons. It added that additional

Rumanian Issue Causes Headache To Anglo-Saxons

Lisbon, March 15 (Domei)—In a move believed prompted by the Soviet Union's recent policy of intervening directly into Rumanian internal affairs with the object of consolidating her own interests, the American State Department today disclosed that the United States has asked the Soviet Union and Britain to hold consultations under the Yalta agreement on political conditions in Rumania, according to a Washington dispatch.

Although American representatives in Rumania are keeping the United States Government informed of recent developments in that country, the State Department said, "We think some aspects of the political situation require consultations among the three principal allies, and we are discussing this situation with the British and Soviet Government."

Information received here indicates that both Britain and the United States recently have become worried over the Soviet Union's growing influence in Rumania and friction already has arisen between Britain and Soviet Russia with regard to the domestic situation in Rumania.

Although the actual domestic situation in Rumania is confused owing to censorship evidence strongly points to the fact that the Soviet Union rapidly is consolidating her position as the dominating influence. It will be recalled that a pro-Soviet Rumanian Government recently came into being after the Soviet press launched an all-out campaign against the Radescu Government.

Former Rumanian Premier General Nicolae Radescu immediately sought refuge with the British political representative in Bucharest. The extension of a haven to Radescu is believed to have been resented by Moscow, but British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden yesterday defended the British action, claiming that Radescu personally was not implicated in anti-Axis activities.

success of "Storm Vikings" who failed to return must be assumed with certainty.

Nippon Garrison Inflicts Heavy Losses On Foe In Mindanao Fight

A Nippon Base at the Mindanao Front, March 15 (Domei)—Nippon garrison units pouring concentrated gunfire into enemy positions and supply dumps in the two days Mar. 10 and 11 inflicted 500 casualties on enemy invasion units which approached the old airfield under cover of heavy artillery and trenchmortar fire. Nippon defenders also blasted 12 enemy tanks and sank two landing barges.

In bitter fighting on Tuesday between Nippon defenders and enemy forces which infiltrated into the vicinity of Nippon main positions, Imperial units destroyed several enemy tanks and killed or wounded more than 150 enemy troops.

Nippon air units supported Imperial land forces in a dusk attack on Tuesday against enemy

positions on Zamboanga, strafing in low-level attacks enemy ground installations near the airfield. In aerial combat our air units shot down one enemy patrol plane.

U.S. Transport Planes Damaged In Big Storm

Lisbon, March 15 (Domei)—Between 20 and 25 transport and cargo planes were damaged on the night of March 12 when a serious thunderstorm broke full blast upon an airfield of the American 20th Bomber Command, a New Delhi message received here revealed today.

The dispatch said eight men were killed and nearly 150 others wounded. Although strict censorship gave no details of the disaster, it is believed that hangars and other buildings at the airfield collapsed in the storm.

Anti-Axis Powers Let Down 'Freed' European Nations

Lisbon, March 13 (Domei)—Sir James Grigg, British Minister of War, in submitting the Army estimates to the House of Commons, today emphasized that the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada jointly are confronted with a tremendous problem in meeting the growing food demands of the so-called liberated countries in Europe, according to a London dispatch.

Warning the British people that there may come a time when the anti-Axis nations may be unable to meet even the minimum food requirements of these war-ravaged areas, Grigg stated, "I do not conceal from the House my fear that in the coming months the demands for foodstuffs for the liberated countries may become almost overpowering."

Grigg's statement indicated that the anti-Axis countries have little confidence in their ability to fulfil their lavish pre-invasion food pledges which they made to the peoples of Europe, owing to the increasing strain of military operations.

Meantime, in response to mounting public clamour for the release of men from the armed services, the War Minister frankly stated that until Germany was defeated, any reduction of the period of overseas service for the Army to three years was out of the question.

Nakajima's Statement At Press Conference

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propaganda was losing its colour. It seems to me that, when the enemy forces found themselves confined in a spot, they thought of doing something to supplement their activities and so they landed in Mindanao," went on the Chief Spokesman.

"Here again I would like to reiterate the fact that our main strategy lies in bleeding the enemy white. From our point of view the operations on Luzon and Iwojima are reaping the expected success," stated the Chief Spokesman.

Alluding to the Burma front, Lt.-Col. Nakajima said: "The enemy seems to be approaching Mandalay and here I would like to emphasise that, from our point of strategy, it ought not to cause any undue worry. Here again it is not so much of allowing the enemy to gain ground but to bleed the enemy white. "Even if today our forces are forced to yield certain amount of ground one should not pay much attention to it. When the enemy was lured into areas near our homeland that will be the time to crush the encroaching enemy and we will then be in a position to march into India."

"I declare that, until we wipe out the British influence in India, we shall not cease the fight."

"It is up to us to fight and crush the unjust ambitions of the enemy and until we do so there will be no prosperity or peace in Asia," concluded Lt.-Col. Nakajima.

Just before the opening of the conference, Lt.-Col. Nakajima thanked the local public for the

Manpower Mobilization Making Speedy Progress

Syonan, Mar. 16 (Domei)—Mobilization of manpower in Malai, provided for by the recently promulgated Male Employment Restriction Ordinance and aiming at attaining a new peak in war production, is making speedy progress, with tens of thousands of males between the ages of 15 and 40 due for a mass change of occupations to essential war work commencing April 1.

A vigorous weeding of people performing non-essential services, with a view to drafting them for duties in war factories and agricultural projects, is now being conducted in every city and town by a special board of leading members of the various communities, appointed by the authorities, who are basing their decisions on reports submitted by the neighbourhood associations.

The board in each city is meeting almost daily, deliberating on the numerous reports submitted by the respective neighbourhood associations, and with swift progress being attained, it is expected that it will conclude its sessions shortly. Thereafter, all those required to change their occupations will be dispatched official notices informing them of the decision of the board and billeting them to various war factories and agricultural settlements, according to their own choice.

Under the Male Employment Restriction Ordinance, it may be recalled, males within the specified ages will not be allowed from the beginning of next month, to be engaged in certain occupations, such as messengers, attendants, counter sales clerks, office boys, hawkers, ticket-collectors, conductors, hotel bell-boys, and other similar non-essential work.

U.S. Army Commander Killed In Fierce Fighting

Philippine Front, March 16 (Domei)—Lieut.-General Edward Patrick, Commander of the Sixth American Division in the Philippines, has been killed in the fierce fighting which is now developing in the mountainous sector east of Manila, according to enemy information intercepted here today.

Americans Employing Porto Rican Troops

Lisbon, March 14 (Domei)—Anxious to keep white casualties down to a minimum, American Army authorities are employing Porto Rican troops in the defence of the Italo-French border area, according to an anti-Axis frontline dispatch. These Porto Rican troops were said to be part of the American Sixth Group Army.

large contributions they had made in aid of the air raid victims and the Press for the necessary publicity they had given in the cause of the unhappy victims. He hoped that the public and the Press would continue to give their co-operation and support in the future.

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